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PARADE



GRANDSTAND '79

August 9
Quarter Horse Racing Finals

August 10
Bill Cosby

August 11
Willie Nelson

August 12
Veterans Day —
Drum & Bugle Competition

August 13
Chicago

August 14
Helen Reddy

August 15
Chic

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Tony Orlando

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Statler Brothers & Barbara Mandrell

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Evening performances begin at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. except August 19 when there will only be one show beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Illinois State Fair Ticket Office is located on the first floor, south end of the Grandstand, and will be open for advanced ticket sales from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance for Grandstand Evening Entertainment will include a stub granting admission to the grounds on the date of the performance.

Special Features

WATER FOLLIES — The World's largest portable pools and stage are used in presenting **THE WATER FOLLIES AND STAGE REVUE**. Champion stunt drivers, Water Ballet scenes, lavish stage production numbers and lighting effects make this sensational water and stage show a 2 hour delight. **FREE** to Fairgoers.

"FEEL OF THE WHEEL" — Exciting racing cars of every description, displays, and well-known drivers fill this huge exhibition. Discover the real racing world. "Feel the Wheel" promotes a bond between the drivers and their growing number of fans. Climb into a car and learn the facts of racing life, the equipment and personnel. You'll gain a new respect for the men and women who place their lives on the line every time they "Start their Engines."

● **Mick Valenti, Escape Artist - Illusionist**
Appearing daily, Illinois Theatre

ILLINOIS TALENT ON PARADE — A new Variety Show daily - presenting the best of talent from throughout the state - showcasing Illinoisans of all ages in every type act. Stop in the Illinois Building Theatre - Cool off - Relax and let Illinois' finest entertain you.

ACCESS ILLINOIS — Sponsored by Department of Vocational Rehabilitation - Access Illinois offers information for disabled fairgoers on accessible buildings, parking, restrooms, first aid stations, etc. The Access Illinois Information Center will concentrate on providing assistance from booth designated by Access Banner.



in the Coliseum

SOCIETY HORSE SHOW

Tuesday, August 7
 Wednesday, August 8
 Thursday, August 9
 Friday, August 10
 Saturday, August 11
 Sunday, August 12

8:30 a.m.
 8:30 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.
 12:30 p.m.
 12:30 p.m.
 12:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
 7:30 p.m.
 7:30 p.m.
 7:30 p.m.
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 7:30 p.m.

Coliseum tickets go on sale at 6:00 p.m.
 Evening box seats \$3.00
 Evening General Admission \$2.00

(Morning and afternoon competition FREE for fairgoers)

Percheron Draft Horse Show — Saturday, August 11
 Mule Show — Saturday, August 11
 Draft Horse Hitches — Sunday, August 12
 Mule Hitches — Sunday, August 12
 Four Pony Hitches — Sunday, August 12
 Two Pony Hitches — Sunday, August 12

● **WGN NOON SHOW WITH ORION SAMUELSON** — WGN Radio, Chicago, broadcasts live each day except Sundays from the Illinois Building Theatre. Music, interviews and farm reports — all announced by WGN's Orion Samuelson.

WESTERN HORSE SHOW

Wednesday, August 15
 Thursday, August 16
 Friday, August 17
 Saturday, August 18
 Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m.
 7:00 a.m.
 8:00 a.m.
 8:00 a.m.
 12:00 noon

6:30 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

(Western Horse Show FREE to fairgoers)

- **TRANSPORTATION** — Trackless trains and horse drawn buggies provide transportation on the grounds. Train and buggy depots located throughout the grounds for your convenience.
- **PICNIC FACILITIES** scattered throughout the grounds allow fairgoers to relax while they eat.
- **BINGO** — a favorite of all ages, sponsored by the Springfield Sertoma Club.
- **CONSERVATION WAGON RIDES** — Daily wagon rides from the south end of the Grandstand to the Conservation Area. FREE. 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES** — The Junior Activities Buildings house a myriad of clothing and food demonstrations, livestock competitions, public speaking contests, and the "SHARE-THE-FUN" Festival. The multitude of activities emphasizes the important role of the fair's more than 6,000 exhibitors.

DAYTIME GRANDSTAND '79

TRACTOR PULL CHAMPIONSHIPS — Featuring classes ranging in weight from the “micro-mini” to the 12,200 pound powerhouses, and including Hot Rod, Stock and Modified Tractors. Brute force of engines and steel against a weighted sled until the tractor stops . . . excitement for all beginning at 10:30 a.m. on August 10 & 11. General Admission \$3.00.

VETERAN'S DAY — Grandstand admission is free all day to one of the most spectacular events of the Fair. More than 50 units, including drum & bugle corps, drill-teams, color guards, clown and novelty bands, compete for awards amounting to \$18,500. Competition begins 8:30 a.m. The Parade of Flags Finale is a moving experience for fairgoers who gather at this Illinois State Fair tradition.

HARNES RACING — Over \$800,000 in purses make the Illinois State Fair the richest state fair harness racing program in the nation. Five days of racing, August 13-17, with the State Fair's Review Futurity providing an exciting preview to the Hambletonian. Starting time is 11:00 a.m. daily.

Mon., Aug. 13 — Illinois State Fair Colt Stakes 2 & 3 year old Trot and Pace

Wed., Aug. 15 — Review Futurity 2 year old Filly Pace and Trot. Illinois Topline Stakes 3 year old Trot and Pace.

Tues., Aug. 14 — Illinois State Fair Colt Stakes Filly Division

2 & 3 year old Trot and Pace

Thurs., Aug. 16 — Review Futurity 3 year old Filly Trot and Pace. Illinois Topline Stakes 2 year old Trot and Pace

Fri., Aug. 17 — Illinois State Fair Colt Stakes Aged and I.S.O.B.A. Breeders Cup Division

USAC— A name synonymous with the biggest, fastest and most powerful racing in the world. A total of \$55,200 in purses brings the fastest drivers in the nation.

BALLOON RACE — August 13 at 5:30 p.m. approximately 60 balloons will blast off from the infield in a “Hare & Hound” race. Awards to be made on Grandstand stage during evening intermission.



Music fills the air across the grounds. Live remote Radio Broadcasts daily from each of the Beer Tents. Well-known musical groups and bands will keep fairgoers stomping their feet as they enjoy a cool beer.

Top of the Fair on the rooftop of the Illinois Building is DISCO beginning nightly 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. FREE to all — 19 years of age and over.

Illinois Theatre Stage — Daily shows featuring Mick Valenti, the Illusionist, and Illinois Talent on Parade showcasing some of the best talent in the State of Illinois.

Lincoln Stage — Popular with all fairgoers, the Lincoln Stage has continuous family entertainment, beginning daily with John Barton's Cornbelt Country Style Show.

AGRI-WORLD

Agri-World 1979 will again give all Agriculturalists an opportunity to view the latest in farm machinery and agricultural related equipment.

Music, Music, Music



CONKLIN'S MAGIC MIDWAY

Appearing for the first time at Happy Hollow the Magic Midway will bring the traditional carnival atmosphere. Test your skill and dexterity — thrill to the Giant Wheel, Wave Swinger and the Arctic Cat. A Guest Relations and Information Center on Midway for those needing assistance or with a complaint.

CONSERVATION AREA

A terraced 25-acre park in the northwest portion of the fairgrounds featuring picnic facilities, canoe rides, log rolling contest, pioneer crafts, boat and water safety instruction, hunter safety programs, and a wildlife food plot. Come relax and enjoy!

ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Agricultural products from the gardens and fields of Illinois, bake-offs, cooking demonstrations, competition and exhibits of textiles and culinary fill this exciting building to overflowing. Added to this is an interesting area for antiques and hobby activities.

Areas to Visit

FIREFIGHTERS AND GOLDEN AGE TENT — The Illinois Firefighters Assn. and the Department on Aging combine their efforts with an exciting area of education and entertainment. Exhibits and daily shows are a mixture of activities for the Senior Citizens and hard-hitting action for those who need to "Learn Not to Burn." An area no one can afford to miss.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TENT — Learn how Law Enforcement combats crime. Discover what you can do to help prevent it. Don't miss this action packed display near the Grandstand.

MCDONALD'S PETTING ZOO — Feed the animals! Touch the animals! Enjoy observing them in McDonald's Petting Zoo — a favorite spot on the Fairgrounds for children.

FAMILY REST TENT — Headquarters for families to relax or relocate lost children — located east of main gate entrance near Bandshell.

20 HITCH DOG TEAM on Parade — When not performing, this amazing team of friendly dogs will be housed near McDonald's Petting Zoo. Come see them. They are not very big but they can show the World what discipline is all about.

Commercial and Educational Exhibits

SOLAR HOT WATER DESIGN COMPETITION — The Institute of Natural Resources and the Illinois Office of Education join forces to bring to the State Fair Competition which seeks design approaches to solar domestic hot water systems. This vast energy complex will be found on the southeast end of the grounds. Placed around the competitive spaces will be housed exciting energy exhibits.

DAIRY BUILDING — Exhibits of dairy products and games. Here you will see the famous "Butter Cow."

EXPOSITION BUILDING — Commercial exhibits pack the first floor. The balcony features 4-H exhibits. The Professional and Amateur Art Shows, along with the Philatelic Show, make this building worth visiting.

GOVERNMENT TENT — An educational and informative area showcasing approximately 30 agencies, featuring their services, activities and purposes in a most creative manner.

ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS — The I.A.P. Tent provides information and food demonstrations of the varied Illinois agricultural products. Next door, the I.A.P. Food Tent serves sit-down meals. Both tents are across from the Grandstand.

ILLINOIS BUILDING AND THEATRE — Bees and Honey competition along with the Floriculture Show keep this building continuously busy. Illinois Talent on Parade plus the Orion Samuelson WGN Noon Radio Show fill the Theatre from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily. A good place to relax and enjoy.

GRANDSTAND — A conglomerate of exhibitors and concessionaires is housed inside the north and south ends of the Grandstand. On the south end you will find the highly publicized **Carcass Show**. Here you will also find on display the champion Ham and Bacon.

NATION'S LARGEST LIVESTOCK SHOW

Beef Cattle — August 13-15 (Coliseum) 8:00 a.m.

Dairy Cattle — August 13-15 (Coliseum) 8:00 a.m.

Dairy Goats — August 13 (Goat Barn) 12:00 noon - Dry Animals
August 14 (Goat Barn) 8:00 a.m. - Milking Animals

Draft Horses — Percherons - August 11 (Coliseum) 8:00 a.m.

Belgians - August 11 (Coliseum) 1:00 p.m.

Draft Horse Hitches - August 12 (Coliseum)
8:00 a.m.

Featuring over 23,000 entries of America's best, the Illinois State Fair takes pride in having the Nation's Largest Livestock Show. The first seven days of the Fair are filled with hundreds of exhibitors competing in the Fair's 10 livestock show rings for the thrill of a Blue Ribbon.

Mules — August 11 (Coliseum) 8:00 a.m.

Mule Hitches — August 12 (Coliseum) 9:30 a.m.

Pigeons — August 17 (Poultry Building) 9:00 a.m.

Poultry — August 10 (Poultry Building) 9:00 a.m.

Rooster Crowing Contests — August 10-14 (Poultry Building)
11:00 a.m.

Rabbits — August 17 (Poultry Building) 9:00 a.m.

Sheep — August 9-16 (Sheep Pavilion) 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Steers — August 11 (Coliseum) 8:00 a.m.

Swine — August 11-17 (Swine Pavilion) 8:00 a.m.

Wethers — August 12 (Sheep Pavilion) 12:00 noon

AUCTION OF CHAMPIONS

The best of Illinois Livestock will be auctioned at the "Illinois State Fair's Auction of Champions," scheduled to begin August 14 at 1:10 p.m. in the Coliseum. Held on Agriculture Day, the festivities will begin with a Pre-Auction Brunch, followed by an auction of prize winning cheese, ham, bacon, and honey . . . all representatives of the finest that Illinois Agriculture has to offer.

SPECIAL DAYS AT THE FAIR

Thursday, August 9 — OPENING DAY — Ribbon cutting ceremonies at noon following a parade which begins in town and marches through the main entrance of the fairgrounds. Evening grandstand features quarter horse racing finals.

Friday, August 10 — COUNTY FAIR DAY — A salute to the 102 county fairs in Illinois. Miss Illinois County Fair and all county fair queens will be honored as well as all county fair talent winners. Tractor pulls featured at grandstand.

Saturday, August 11 — MAYORS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DAY — Hometown mayors and local officials are honored guests. A special day of barber shop harmony will be featured throughout the grounds and the Illinois Building Theatre with a 5:30 sing out concert.

Sunday, August 12 — VETERAN'S DAY — Veterans and their families admitted free. Drum & Bugle corps, drill teams, color guards and clown bands vie for \$17,000 in awards all day in front of the free grandstand. Pork Cook-out and baton twirling contests are also activities of the day.

Monday, August 13 — YOUTH DAY & ACCESS ILLINOIS — Various contests will be conducted all day for Illinois Youth. Special activities will highlight the talents of the disabled citizens. At 5:30 p.m. a gigantic balloon race will blast off before the grandstand. Awards will be made to the successful balloonists in-between shows on the grandstand stage. Rides at the midway are at reduced rates for all youth 18 and under until 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 14 — AGRICULTURE DAY-FARM CITY DAY — The traditional Kiwanis farm-city program brings rural and urban families together for a day at the fair. Following a 9:30 a.m. brunch, the Illinois State Fair's Sale of Champions will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. The Grand Champion steer, barrow, wether and pen of broiler meat trio will be auctioned.

Wednesday, August 15 — GOVERNOR'S DAY — Honors all Republicans with special participation in the State Fair daily parade.

Thursday, August 16 — DEMOCRAT DAY — Honors all Illinois Democrats with special participation in the State Fair daily parade.

Friday, August 17 — GOLDEN AGE DAY — Registration at the Firefighters and Golden Age tent will begin a day filled with Golden Age talent show, special contests and activities designed by and for the Senior Citizens.

Saturday, August 18 — LABOR DAY — The contribution of working men and women are recognized at the State Fair. The Labor Tent features exhibits by various unions and participation in the State Fair daily parade. At Grandstand, time trials for USAC Championship Dirt Car Race begin at 11:45 a.m. Race time 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 19 — RACE DAY — Honors all those who compete in racing ventures. The traditional Stock Car race will be held at the grandstand. At 6:30 a.m. a 10,000 meter race will begin in front of the grandstand and wind through the fairgrounds featuring all citizens of Illinois who love to run.

ADMISSIONS

Adults	\$1.50
Children (under 13)50
Senior Citizens (60 and over) on Golden Age Day only , Friday, August 1750
Disabled Citizens & Youth under 18 on Youth and Access Illinois Day only , Monday, August 1350
ADVANCE discount ticket book (11 tickets - a \$16.50 value)	\$10.00
Parking on grounds	2.00
Veterans and immediate family FREE (with ID) on Veteran's Day, Sunday, August 12	
Ground open from 6 a.m. till midnight.	